



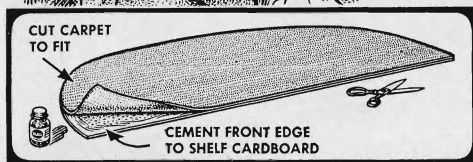
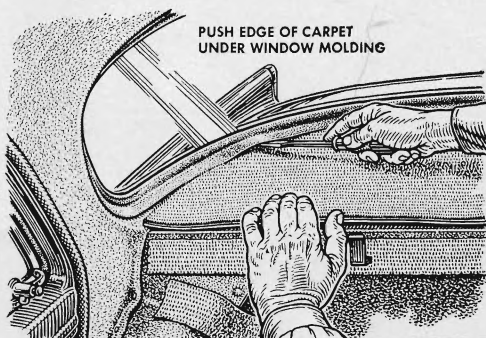
Hints from the Model Garage

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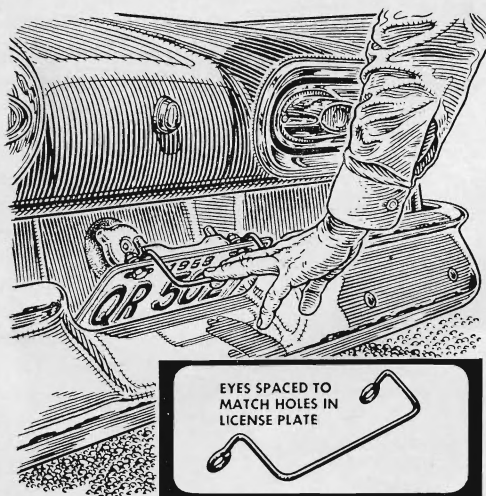
A lost license plate has a good chance of being returned if you've painted your name and address on the back. Most people will take the trouble to return a plate if they know where to locate the owner. You might also guarantee the postage.

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You can silence the rattling of loose objects on the package shelf by fitting it with carpeting. Appearance will be improved, too. Cement the front edge of the carpeting to the shelf, and tuck the other edges under the rear-window molding.

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A wire handle on the rear license-plate bracket will end the annoying slamming each time you buy gas. It'll save the rubber bumpers, too, as slamming often causes them to drop off. Bend the handle from heavy wire or a length of brazing rod.



Feed a thirsty battery the exact amount of water it needs without splashing by using a plastic nursing bottle. The rubber nipple can be used by snipping off its tip, or a tire valve can be trimmed to fit, and stoppered with a valve cap as shown.

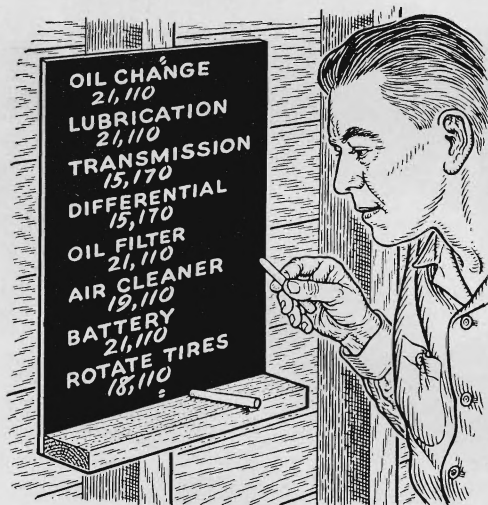
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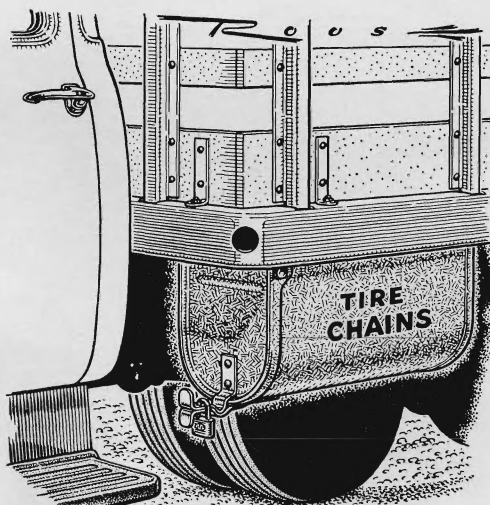
This emergency bucket can be folded flat to take less space than a road map in the glove compartment. It's a plastic vegetable bag. With it, you can carry several quarts of water to a boiling radiator that has forced you to stop at the roadside.



Sponge-rubber cushion material—the type used under home carpeting—makes good insulation for your car. Spot-cemented under floor mats and rear seat, it keeps out road noises and cold. It's clean, easy to cut, and won't fall apart when wet.



Keep car maintenance regular—especially if you do it yourself—with a chart on the garage wall. Cover a piece of $\frac{1}{4}$ " plywood with blackboard paint and add a narrow shelf. Letter service operations on the board and record mileages with chalk.



A rural-type mailbox bolted upside down beneath a truck body makes a quickly accessible storage locker for tire chains. Another box on the opposite side can store tools for roadside repairs and emergency flares. A padlock will prevent theft.